

The Glenfarg Newsletter

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Editorial

The front cover shows a photo that I took 10 years ago of the Glenfarg Hotel . I think it's fair to say that there has been some disquiet about the proposed future of the Glenfarg Hotel. As a result a working group has been set up to examine all aspects of the loss of the hotel. Check pages 38 & 39 for the latest at the time of writing.

Donald MacKenzie our esteemed Community Council chairman is pursuing a degree course in photography and is looking for subjects. See page 32 to see some of the photographs he has submitted so far.

We have the answers to the Newsletter Christmas Quiz. Dave Arnold, the quiz setter reckoned he will have to make the questions more difficult and perhaps more local. This way Google might not be so useful. However from the many correct entries six prize winners were randomly drawn and a picture of the presentation and the results are found on page 46.

Elsewhere in this issue are articles by Leigh Smith on Madeira Cake and a prize quiz for children, Steve Mee on the ultimate bar, and Sheila Harley with a plea for more members to the Glenfarg Bridge Club.

In the last Newsletter issue there was insufficient space to include all of the new Community Councillors' mini-biographies. See pages 52 & 53 for the remaining two newcomers.

Nick Courtney is the new manager / chef of the Bein Inn. He is keen to get to know the residents of Glenfarg. He sent in the article on who he is which you can read on page 49.

Anyone interested in being an investigative reporter for the Newsletter. Janet my sub-editor is overworked. I need someone to whom I can give assignments to get copy for the Newsletter. The pay is non-existent but the hours are good (any time you like). Reply to newsletter@glenfarg.org.

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Diary Of Events

Date	Event	Where
3rd February	Soup & Chat	Village Hall 12.30pm
8th February	Folk Club - Gill Bowman	Backstage at The Green
9th February	Church Flower Ladies Pancake Day	Arngask Church Hall 2pm -3.30pm
12th February	Community Cinema - The Constant Gardener	Village Hall 8pm
22nd February	Folk Club - Blueflint	Backstage at The Green
28th February	Arngask Church United Service	Arngask Church 11am
29th February	Folk Club - Grant Baynam	Backstage at The Green
2nd March	Soup & Chat	Village Hall 12.30pm
7th March	Community Council Meeting	Village Hall 7.30pm
10th March	W.I. Talk on Nepal	Village Hall
11th March	Community Cinema - The Golden Dream	Village Hall 7.30pm
12th March	Tennis Club Mixed Doubles Supper & Ceilidh	Tennis Clubhouse 4.30pm till late
14th March	Folk Club - Robin Laing	Backstage at The Green
21st March	Folk Club - Celine Donoghue/Neil Sturgeon	Backstage at The Green
22nd March	Easter Day United Service	Abernethy Kirk 11am
28th March	Folk Club - Pauline Alexander	Backstage at The Green

A Village Hall for All

A quick guide to regular village hall activities. Does anything take your interest?

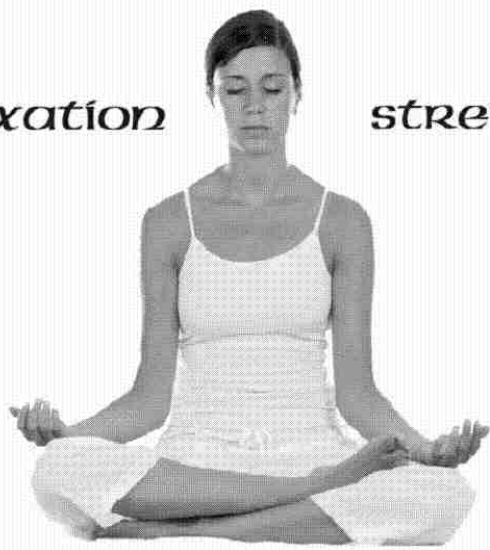
Day	Time	Organisation
Monday	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Cubs
	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ladies' Badminton
Tuesday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	Beavers
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Yoga
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Rainbows
	6.00pm - 7.30pm	Brownies
	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Guides
	8.00pm - 10.00pm (In winter)	Badminton
	12.30pm - 1.30pm 1st Wed of month	Soup and Chat
	7.00pm - 11.00pm	Accordion & Fiddle Club
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Scouts
2nd Thursday Sept to May	7.30pm	WRI
Friday	10.00am - 11.00am	Chair Exercise

To check on the Village Hall bookings, go to the village website
www.glenfarg.org
 and look at the on-line calendar under 'Hire the Hall'

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Church News



With the untimely death of our Minister, Rev. Moira Herkes, back at the end of November we now have to find a new one. The Rev. Robert McCrum, who has stayed with us throughout the last year, has gone back into retirement, having been with us for far longer than he expected. For the month of February Rev. James Wallace from Bridge of Earn will be our Locum Minister and he can be contacted through any Elder or the Session Clerk, Bill Macpherson (01577 830430). During Rev. Wallace's locumship we will be working hard to put in place locum cover while we go through the process of finding a new minister. Finding a new minister will not be a quick process, it may take well over a year.

Abernethy and Dron
and Arngask Parish
Church of Scotland

Christmas was a shining light through the period of turmoil. A very full Village Hall was the venue for a Carol Service held on Christmas Eve, followed by a Watchnight Service in the Church to welcome in Christmas Day. It was so good to see so many people come out late at night to welcome in the special day. Maybe come back and see us at other times as well. A retiring collection was taken at both venues for Glenfarg Riding for the Disabled and a total of £173.39 was collected. Thank you to all who contributed.

There have been several special events during services since the last Newsletter. We have had the pleasure of three Baptisms, welcoming into Christ's family Lee Scott and Christina and James Sloan. Two people have joined the congregation by Profession of Faith: Karen Scott and Joanne Sloan. It is always a joy to see adults re-affirming the commitment made on their behalf while young children. Finally a new Elder, Sheena Chisholm, has joined the Kirk Session. It was very good to finish the year with so much good news!

Calendar



February	9	Shrove Tuesday
February	28	United Service (Arngask)
March	1	Kirk Session (Abernethy)
March	4	World Day of Prayer
March	6	Mothering Sunday
March	20	Palm Sunday
March	24	Maundy Thursday
March	25	Good Friday
March	27	Easter Day, United Service (Abernethy)
March	28	Easter Monday

Have Some Madeira M'Dear

I am often asked what type of cake would be most suitable for celebrating a special occasion. The answer I always give is 'Madeira cake'. And not just because I like making it! You will often find someone who doesn't like chocolate or fruit cake but most people enjoy a traditional 'plain' cake like this one, made simply with flour, butter, sugar, eggs, milk and sometimes lemon.

The recipe for Madeira cake dates back to the 18th or 19th century. It has quite a dense texture – firm but light - and this makes it particularly good for carving into shapes like Westie dogs, wine bottles and guitars! It also keeps for up to a week giving time to hand some out to family, friends and colleagues.



So why is it called Madeira cake? Some people mistakenly think that the cake originally came from the Madeira islands. It was actually named after Madeira wine, a Portuguese wine from the islands, which was popular in England at the time that Madeira cake was first made. The wine was not used in the cake itself but it was often served along with the cake. Madeirans do produce their own traditional cake – 'bolo de mel' - but this is a dark, spicy, honey cake and so is quite different in taste and appearance.

LEIGH SMITH CAKES



Competition time!
Win a celebration cake up to the value of £50!

Send your answers by email to 'info@leighsmithcakes.co.uk' by 29 February. The winner will be drawn from all correct entries by the editor of the Glenfarg Newsletter. The answers can be found on the website www.leighsmithcakes.co.uk.

- 1) What colour is the 'daisy cake' on the website's 'Home' page?
a) Pink b) Green c) Yellow
- 2) How many pictures of guitar cakes appear on the website?
a) 1 b) 2 c) 3
- 3) How many tiers in the 'Satin and Lace' wedding cake?
a) 1 b) 2 c) 3?

Arngask Old Graveyard Preservation Group

Arngask Old Graveyard Preservation Group became active when the Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust disbanded, in 2015.

Prior to the disbandment, members of the Friends of PKHT Committee who had started clearing the undergrowth from the graveyard and existing derelict church at Arngask in 2014, continued their involvement in this clearance.

During this clearance an old baptismal font was uncovered along with a stone which had been built into the wall with very old cup marks on it.



This work has continued over the past year, and has been followed up, with a detailed survey of the graveyard having been carried out and all visible headstones and inscriptions on them noted and photographed and hand drawn.

This information will in due course, be available for the general public to view and will be helpful for those carrying out family research or for anyone involved in heritage or social projects.



Throughout 2015, whilst members of Arngask Old Graveyard Preservation Group (all volunteers) were active at the graveyard they encountered many visitations from people from all over the world tracing their family ancestry.

They also had an informal visit from a group of local schoolboys from Glenfarg who showed great interest and enthusiasm in the project and wanted to partake in helping members clean some of the old gravestones. They showed a great deal of knowledge about their local community to the volunteers on that informal visit.



Arngask is a very old graveyard which has a great deal of ecclesiastical and social history attached to it. Many of the gravestones date back to the early 1600's and many have beautiful intrinsic carvings on them some of which indicate the deceased's profession of work.



There is a grave commemorating a General Robert Bruce who fought in the Kaffir War in 1853 which had become overgrown and research has found that he was quite a colourful character who was highly thought off. There are several First World War graves including a Military Cross recipient. However there are also First World War Graves that have had their headstones removed or vandalised over the years and it is difficult to ascertain at present, the identity of those soldiers.

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There are sadly, many commemorative stones indicating the death of a child. Interestingly enough, some of the small head stones for these children had been placed by some of their schoolmates and teacher. Research has shown, that some of the children's graves indicate that they died of Rheumatic Fever, Heart Disease and Diphtheria.

Background research indicates that the first surviving document in relation to a church at Arngask, is dated 17th September 1281 and belonged to Cambuskenneth Abbey.

In 1527, a local landowner and heiress – Lady Margaret Barclay built a chapel within the graveyard. She and her husband Sir Andrew Murray gave an annual rent of 14 merks for the support of chaplains to sing mass in the church.

This chapel was later replaced by a second church in 1710 which was subsequently replaced by a third church in 1806 which is now abandoned and in ruins.



Located within the graveyard is a very rare and important statue which is carved out of red sandstone to the founder of the first chapel Lady Margaret Barclay.

The statue was removed to nearby Balvaird Castle when the second church was built in 1710, but was returned to the graveyard, in the latter part of the nineteenth century where it is located next to a ruinous watch-house.

Over the years the statue has become the victim of weather erosion along with the bell- cote from the second church built in 1710.

Both the statue and bell- cote are important features of Scotland's heritage and fund-raising events are being carried out by members of Arngask Old Graveyard Preservation Group to save both the statue and bell- cote for future generations.

We are currently raising funds for a Conservation report by a stone specialist on both artefacts which is going to cost just under £700.

One of the areas where funds are being raised for this Conservation report is through two quiz sheets which have been placed in various locations in Perthshire, including the local newsagent in Glenfarg for locals or visitors to purchase.



Should anyone wish to know further details or become involved in the project at the Old Graveyard at Arngask or would like to make a donation towards the project, please contact Arngask Old Graveyard Preservation Group on 07729801690.

Glenfarg Policing



Glenfarg and the surrounding area is policed by police officers stationed at Kinross Police Station. The resources servicing this area are made up of a Response Policing Team and Community Policing Team. The Community Policing Team is overseen by Sergeant Amanda Nicolson who has 17 years policing service in her capacity as Community Co-ordinator. Sergeant Nicolson is based from Perth Police Station and has a geographical area of responsibility taking in the whole of South Perthshire, co-ordinating the community business of the three multi-member wards of Strathearn, Strathallan and Kinross-shire. Sergeant Nicolson works during office hours, Monday to Friday predominantly.

Heading up the local Community Policing Team based at Kinross Police Station is Community Sergeant Willie Hughes who has 12 years policing service. Sergeant Hughes has a community geographical area of responsibility for the whole of Kinross-shire and has a team of five Community Constables. Both Sergeant Hughes and his Constables work shifts covering 7 days a week between 0700 and 0100 hours during the week and 0700 and 0400 hours on Friday and Saturday evenings.

To contact your Community Policing Team you can phone 101 or e-mail taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk. Correspondence to this e-mail address is only viewed Monday to Friday during office hours and as such should not be used for urgent business. In an emergency the police should be contacted using the 999 system. To keep up to date with

local community safety issues local residents are encouraged to join Community Watch which the Community Policing Team along with their community safety partners use to keep the local community up to date. The web site to join Community Watch is www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk.

Kinross-shire Community Policing Team

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In December, the number of members reached **200** – an impressive number given the comparatively small size of our community and the number of homes that use oil.

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Glenfarg Folk Club

Back Stage At The Green in Kinross.



Monday 1st February

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Having had to cancel our November 2015 Singaround due to the sudden closure of the Glenfarg Hotel, we are resurrecting the theme from that night. So: "Memories, good or bad" should inspire the singing! Non-singers welcome as always.

GILL BOWMAN

Monday 8th February

Members £5, Non-Members £8

We are fortunate to welcome back Gill whom we have not seen in the club for a few years. Known for her beautiful voice and as a fine interpreter of traditional music, and in particular the songs of Robert Burns, Gill is also a wonderful songwriter. Her singing is backed by an assured and distinctive guitar style, and some wicked humour. A treat is in store tonight.

SINGAROUND

Monday 15th Feb

All £3

Its Valentine time! We suppose we are obliged to have "love" as our theme tonight but let's be a bit more daring and also include "marriage" in the equation, not forgetting of course that not all relationships are made in heaven!

BLUEFLINT

Monday 22nd February

Members £5, Non-Members £8

Wonderful harmonies, great musicality and great fun from this multi-instrumental group who are coming to the Club for their first visit. With banjos, mandolin, guitars, fiddle, double bass and drums they can certainly produce lively and energetic music, but they also deliver great subtlety and a lyrical quality to their music that you might not have expected from such a line up. This is a really impressive band. Don't miss it.

GRANT BAYNHAM

Monday 29th February

Members £5, Non-Members £8

One of the funniest singer songwriters around, Grant is also one of the best acoustic guitarists. Whether jazz, classical, ragtime or traditional his guitar playing is simply stunning. His songs are so funny you will beg him to stop singing to allow your ribs and tear ducts to recover. If you have not yet heard Grant you just must not miss this opportunity.



SINGAROUND

Monday 7th March

All £3

As the first buds of Spring are appearing and the farms are beginning to gear into action again after the winter, let's celebrate with songs or poems about our countryside and gardens. Corn? Well, why not?

ROBIN LAING

Monday 14th March

Members £5, Non-Members £8

We have already welcomed two of Scotland's finest folk performers to the Club earlier this year, and tonight it is our privilege to have a third in the shape of Edinburgh's own Robin Laing. A wonderful songwriter and influential performer, he can induce both tears of laughter or sadness or even those induced by whisky, another of his great interests! A fun night ahead.



CELINE DONOGHUE AND NEIL STURGEON

Monday 21st March

Members £5, Non-Members £8

Two wonderful artistes for the price of one tonight when we welcome the huge talents of Celine and Neil to the Club as a duo for the first time. Now a truly established internationally renowned fiddle and banjo player and singer, Celine is joined by Neil on guitar and vocals. We rarely get the chance to see such a renowned fiddle player as Celine and tonight should be one to remember.

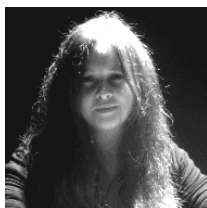


PAULINE ALEXANDER

Monday 28th March

Members £5, Non-Members £8

Pauline was a guest artiste in the club two years ago, and we are delighted to welcome her back again and to experience her stunning vocals and tremendous eclectic mix of song. As before, she will be accompanied by Edwin Gallacher whose skilful finger-style guitar marries beautifully with her songs.



RUTH AND KEN POWELL

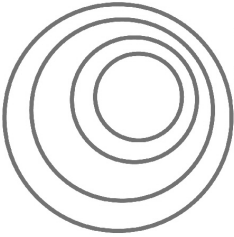
Monday 4th April

Members £5, Non-Members £8

A warm welcome back to the Club for a couple who have previously played here as two of the members of "The Riskies", i.e. Risky Business. We are sure to remember Ruth's amazing soaring voice and, combined with Ken's guitar skills, we can once again experience their very distinct style of music.



NOTE: The 38th Glenfarg Folk Feast - 8th to 10th April. Guest artistes include: Dougie MacLean, Emily Smith Duo, Maurice Dickson, Shona Donaldson and Paul Anderson, Winter Wilson, Roberto and the Ticky2, Orwell Ceilidh Band, and the Farg Folk. See Club website for details.



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Glenfarg and Duncrievie in Bloom

Well on a cold January day there's not much to report as far as Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom are concerned - or is there??

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we have received 2 more generous donations to the Fiver for a Flower appeal, one



from a visitor to Glenfarg and the other from Jen Lindsay.

Thank you both very much and to all who previously donated which means I'm happy to say that the £500 target has been reached and the shrubs can now be ordered and planted up in the Glenfarg Green. The choice of shrubs are varied which will give colour and texture throughout the year and some have even been chosen with our resident wildlife in mind.

Speaking of ordering plants, GDIB have also placed their order for plug plants which will fill our summer displays throughout the village. These plugs should arrive early April so yet again our fabulous greenhouse owning supporters will rise to the challenge of growing them on. However since we're ever mindful of keeping costs under control and promoting sustainability, we saved many begonia tubers from last year's displays which we hope will survive the winter and can be used again in our displays. Fingers crossed.

Kate Armstrong

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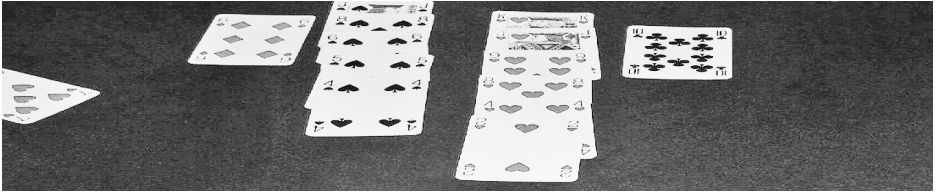
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Glenfarg Bridge Club



Glenfarg Bridge Club - looking for new members

At the AGM of the Glenfarg Bridge Club on the 30th October, Charlie Kinnaird was appointed president, Sheila Harley secretary and Jean Davidson treasurer.

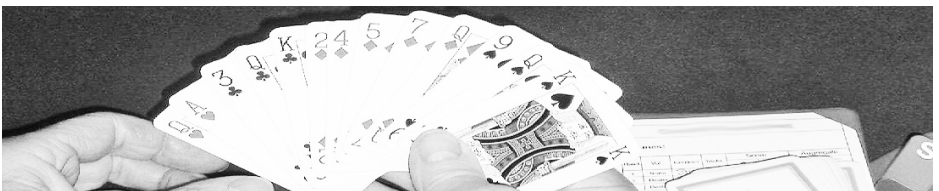
Sadly Jean died suddenly on the 19th of November after enjoying only two more meetings. A very efficient treasurer for a number of years, Jean will be sadly missed and her good company will be missed most of all. Liz Brown, who was founder member of the Bridge Club in 1983 passed away on Christmas day after a long illness. Prior to starting the club Liz taught many people to play the game.

An annual competition is held for the Searle Cup which was passed on to us by the Ladies Bridge Club that met in the Glenfarg Hotel until 1983.

We are a friendly gathering who enjoy a light-hearted game of Bridge and a welcome cup of tea. More members will be very welcome, all levels from beginners to advanced players.

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Glenfarg W. R. I.



In December our meeting on the 10th was entertained by Arngask School children, led by David Watt.

Competition Winners

Folded napkin- 1st Liz Yull, 2nd Alison Harrison, 3rd Lynda Stuart.

Shortbread Round- 1st Allison Messenger, 2nd Margot Moran, 3rd Liz Yull

Flower of the Month- 1st Liz Yull, 2nd Alison Harrison, 3rd Lynda Stuart.

The first meeting of the new year was on the 14th January when Mr Ewan Taylor gave a talk and slide show on Jewellery valuations. He also brought along various stones and diamonds for us to see.

Competition winners

Favourite piece of Jewellery- 1st Lillias Johnston, 2nd Sheila Harley, 3rd Margot Moran.

Mini Christmas cake decorated- 1st Liz Yull, 2nd Allison Messenger, 3rd Alison Harrison.

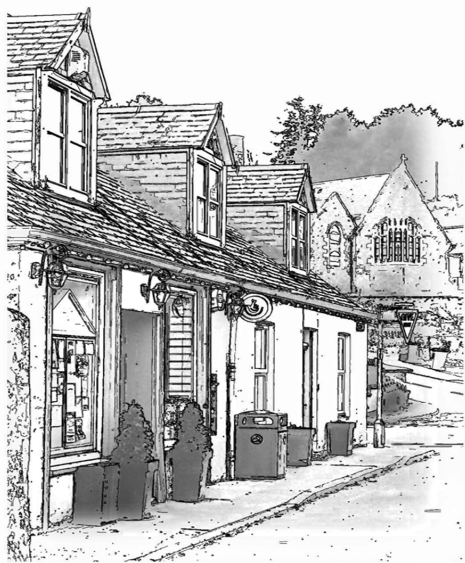
Pot plant- 1st Lillias Johnston, 2nd Alison Harrison, 3rd Liz Yull.

Dates for future meetings- Visitors welcome

11th February: 4 corners-- in House

10th March: Talk on Nepal by Moya Fox from Save the Children

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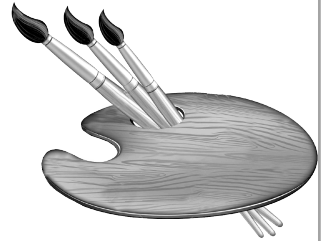
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This year we want to encourage artists from all age groups and all genres to fill the hall to bursting. Last year we were a bit tentative as it was our first exhibition, this year however we want to make it a real community event! We know that the village is bursting with talent - you've proved it!

If you think you might be interested in exhibiting/selling your work, please email us at glenfargartsproject@gmail.com

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

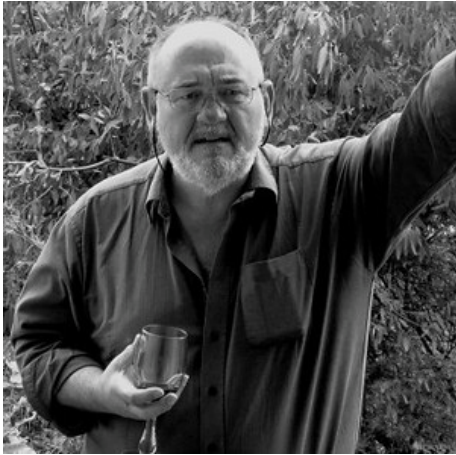
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Recording the life of the community in pictures



Local amateur photographer Donald MacKenzie may have been more visible to some people of late. Having decided, in his retirement, to start a BA (Hons) in Photography, Donald is determined to realise a long-held ambition to undertake a project along the lines of 'Glenfarg & Duncricvie: A Community and its People'.

Donald said, "Up to now, my comfort zone has been in making landscape images. I want to force myself out of that and do other pieces of photography. One of the hardest things to do when you want to photograph people is actually to approach them and ask if you can photograph them. But when you do ask, most people are only too happy to be involved."

Donald told the Newsletter that this is a project he sees extending over the next two to three years. It will eventually build up into a portfolio of pictures that tells people about life in our community.

Once the spring and summer arrive, Donald hopes he can approach organisations like the Tennis and Bowling clubs and get permission to





photograph club members enjoying their sport. He also hopes he can photograph clubs and groups that meet indoors for various activities.

Donald said, "I will always seek permission to photograph people and events. If anyone doesn't want to be included in pictures then of course I will respect that. Equally, before photographing children or events that are specifically for children, I will always seek

parental permission to photograph."

So, if you or your club or organisation would like to be included in Donald's project, don't wait for him to ask. Get in touch with him and start getting dates in his diary for photo-shoots. You can contact Donald on 830225 or donald@dmackimages.org. Have a look at his landscape images at www.dmackimages.org.



Chairman's Welcome to the 2016 Folk Feast

They say that change is always stressful but necessary, but we in the Club Committee have not been afraid of tackling it head on. As we reviewed the feast last year we quickly recognised that it had outgrown its traditional home in Glenfarg and change was needed.

So welcome to the Glenfarg Folk Feast 2016 in its new home at **'Backstage at the Green'**, Kinross, where we are able to offer increased accommodation, improved camping facilities and increased session space. I am really excited about the move and would like to thank David Mundell, Thomas Moffat and all the staff at the Green for their very warm welcome.

Having acquired a new venue we had to ensure we built a quality line-up for the feast and I think we have achieved that with headline acts of **Dougie MacLean and Emily Smith Duo**. Appearing alongside them are Maurice Dickson, Shona Donaldson and Paul Anderson, Winter Wilson, Roberto and the Tickety2 and also our own Farg Folk.

The children this year will be entertained by Arties Tartan Tales and the whole feast will kick off on the Friday night with the ceilidh, with music provided by **The Orwell Ceilidh Band**

During the day there will be plenty to keep you occupied with singarounds, song competition, puff-a-box, and of course the informal sessions which help make the feast such a warm and welcoming weekend.

So come and join us in our new home in Kinross and enjoy the talent, the fun, the competition, that makes Glenfarg Folk Feast unique.

David Aird
Club Chairman

To find us: The Green Hotel is located in the centre of Kinross at 2 The Muirs, Kinross KY13 8AS and is only 3 minutes from Junction 6 of the M90. Kinross Park and Ride is serviced by buses from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Perth Please note Camping is available adjacent to the hotel but is limited to Feast Weekend Ticket holders only. Alternative sites are available.

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New Year Quiz



The New Year Quiz has become a firm part of village festivities, so much so that the Village Hall was full to capacity. Organised and run by Margaret Ponton it stimulates much needed brain activity at the end of the busy, or should that be boozy, holiday period.

This year the winning team were 'Taking The Plunge'; congratulations to them. Graciously they donated their prize to the Food Bank in the village store, as did the other winners.

Glenfarg Old Folks Association

A social group of like minded, slightly more mature, folk.

The 2015 Christmas dinner was different from the usual. The Green Hotel hosted our annual get together following the sudden closure of The Glenfarg.

Residents gathered to ride the short distance on a bus provided free of charge by Earnside Coaches for which the group is extremely grateful.

Lunch was 'excellent' as voted by the attendees and it was followed by the raffle and entertainment by Stewart Smith and Philip Ponton.

The association has been running for decades and provides an opportunity for the slightly more mature people in the village to join together for the summer bus trip and the Christmas dinner. It is lovely for people to meet up with friends old and new.

The committee struggle to update the membership list and the job of finding out who should be invited to the annual events is difficult. They would love to hear from you if you would like to be included and meet the criteria of being over 65 years young.

Please email philip.ponton@btconnect.com or leave an envelope addressed 'Old Folks Association', in the shop to be collected.

Whither The Glenfarg Hotel

Working Group

At the Public Meeting volunteers were invited to form a working group to examine all aspects of the loss of hotel. This group has now met on 2 occasions with a 3rd meeting scheduled for 20th January. The minutes of the first 2 meetings follow.

Notes / Minutes of 1st meeting of working group

Village Hall Sunday 13th Dec 2015

Present - Steve Whiting, David Aird, Scott & Christine Fotheringham, Alan Reid, Gordon Smith, Alison & Brian Harrison, Cath Todd, Ced Wilkins, Lawrence Bec, John Armstrong, Tim Corcoran, Kate Armstrong, Margaret Ponton.

Steve Whiting opened meeting outlining group objectives as indicated by GCC and public meeting. The group will not at this stage be constituted.

- 1 Appointment of Chair and Secretary - Chairman Steve Whiting proposed by Tim Corcoran and seconded by Gordon Smith, Secretary Kate Armstrong, proposed by Tim C and seconded by Margaret Ponton.
- 2 Apologies Alex J, Bill M, Suzette C, Steve M
- 3 Current situation update - A planning application for change of use & convert to 12 flats was submitted to P&KC on 4th Dec but was knocked back and currently classified as "invalid" whilst P&KC request more information.
- 4 Two selling agents of licensed premises have refused to handle sale at requested over £600k.
- 5 Financial records for Arngask Hotels Ltd and other relevant companies have been obtained via Company House. Qualified accountant help/explanations have been sought. No further action at this stage.
- 6 It was recorded that the hotel furniture and fittings/equipment are currently being removed from the hotel.
- 7 It was the unanimous belief of the group that the owner has no, or has no longer, intention to sell the hotel as a going concern.
- 8 GCC, on receipt of planning application notification, will pursue all aspects of objections and will provide information to the whole community for individuals to register personal or group objections.
- 9 Personal communications have already been sent by members of the working group to P&KC Councillors, MSPs and MP requesting support and possible meetings.
- 10 Future Plans - Whilst all agreed that the ideal situation was the hotel remains as a hotel, it was agreed that a back up plan should be prepared. A lengthy discussion examined requirements, possible locations, new build, conversion of/addition to existing, funding. From this discussion it was agreed that Tim Corcoran, Cath Todd and Margaret Ponton informally approach possible site owners.
- 11 New Build - possible locations were mentioned but would require dedicated research and design.
- 12 Funding - application for funds when initial plans drawn up.
- 13 Kate Armstrong to apply for micro grant to provide funds for expenses incurred by group e.g. hall rental, printing costs. Full recording of all expenses will be made and authorised.

14 Interim "pub" - options to be explored but in light of upcoming Christmas and New Year festivities any arrangements will be informally arranged by private individuals.

15 Date of next meeting - TBA

Minutes of 2nd meeting of working group Village Hall Mon 21st Dec 2015

Present - Steve Whiting, Christine Fotheringham, Alan Reid, Suzette Clarke, Alison & Brian Harrison, John Armstrong, Tim Corcoran, Kate Armstrong, Margaret Ponton, Alex Johnston, Bill Macpherson
Apology - David Aird

Minutes of last meeting agreed

1. Update on application process - 7th Jan deadline for objections
Christine to seek SEPA advice re flooding issue
2. Future Plans
 - a Margaret has spoken to Stephens who are keen to support and will be contacted again after festive break. MP Tasmina Ahmed Sheik has also indicated favourably to meeting with representatives.
 - b Possible alternative locations still being examined.
 - c Kate reported on the Community Right to Buy legislation and will progress with draft Articles of Association as agreed with present members.
 - d Christine mentioned Kirriemuir hotel (Community scheme) and will report fully at next meeting.
 - e Alex will obtain details of Errol's community pub project.
 - f Bio mass - David Aird will be asked to report on all aspects of bio mass scheme.
 - g Interim pub - Steve to obtain clarification on licensing issues.
 - h Funding has been requested (by Kate) from GCC.
 - i Requirement for Treasurer to be appointed will be discussed at next meeting.
 - j Next meeting - TBA



Glenfarg Tennis Club

The courts may be as white as the line markings, but the tennis club is still active. We had a massively successful prize-giving dinner in late December which finished with a fantastic ceilidh with a band made up of people from the Basque region, the Middle East, a drummer from Morocco and a flautist from the Old Bakehouse. It was our first major event in the clubhouse and it fitted the bill perfectly.

And that neatly brings me on to our next planned extravaganza. March 12th we are having a Mixed Doubles tournament, followed by supper and a ceilidh. The tennis will be low key, but the ceilidh will be hardcore! I expect the games will start about 4p.m. weather permitting. Anyone and everyone is welcome, members or nonmembers, and the cost will be minimal say a tenner including supper. Please find a partner and give me a ring. If you can't find a partner, give me a ring anyway and we'll put our dating agency expertise into action. Eventually, if we can't find equal numbers, we'll allow some same sex couples to enter. It's an embryo of an idea at the moment, but we'll add some yolk before the day arrives.

Already, in January, coaching numbers are good. The amount of kids who are willing to brave the winter elements and join in on a Tuesday evening is staggering. This week, adult coaching restarts, 6:30 to 7:30 Tuesday's any standard. Again, give me a ring or just come down.

You'll see the advert elsewhere for the Easter Camp run by our coaches Chris and Craig. The intention is, if numbers are sufficient, we'll have a split group, one with the younger kids and beginners, the other looking at technique for the older, more accomplished kids and young adults.

Don't let that New Year's resolution expire unresolved. Get yourself down to the courts, no matter how good or bad you are. We'd love to see you down there.

Tim Corcoran 830879

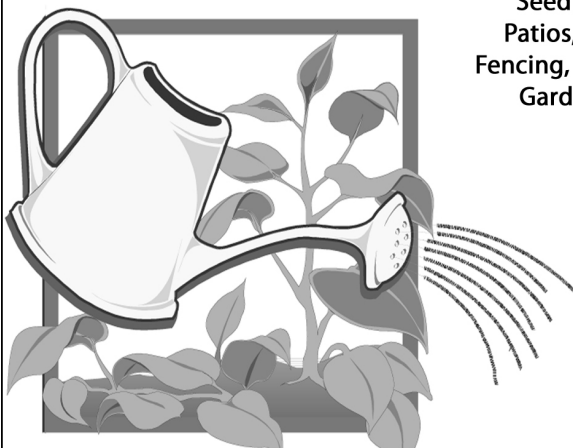
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THE ULTIMATE BAR?



In December, my wife Alice and myself visited Houston Texas to spend Christmas with our daughter Allison and her family. About a 20 minute walk from her house is a supermarket called Wholefoods which is mainly an organic shop. Right in the middle, next to the cheese counter, the cake counter and surrounded by yoghurts and milk is a bar!

Its like an oasis for anyone who likes a beer or a glass of wine (that's all the type of drinks they sell), and, due to the closure of the Glenfarg watering hole, I arrived in Texas with a severe drouth. So whilst your partner does the shopping, or you feel the urge in the middle of your shopping, you can pull up a stool and have a wee drink! There are an impressive 19 different craft beers always on draught, plus about 10 wines (including fizz).

You need to pick your drink carefully as they ABV strength ranges from 4.5% - 14.8% and they all have the most imaginative names such as Goose Island and No Label Brewing Co. They are priced around the \$5 - \$6 mark and are well looked after. The wines are all on offer in the aisles, so you can really try before you buy. The shop trollies all have a cup holder that takes either a pint glass or if you want wine, they put it into a jam jar that fits in the cup holder so that whilst shopping you don't waste any drinking time!

Whilst sitting at the bar, you can also order hot food such as fish and chips, soup, toasties and so on, or you can go to any of the fresh food counters such as sushi, tacos, pizza, salad, soup, curry, BBQ etc., buy something, get a bar code on the box, take it to the bar where the barmaid will scan the food and add it to your bill. Sit back eat your food, and have a drink. Bliss!



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thank you!

During this time when the integrity of the village is being questioned, I'd just like to spend a few words noting how overwhelmed by kindness we were on the first Saturday in December when we were flooded.

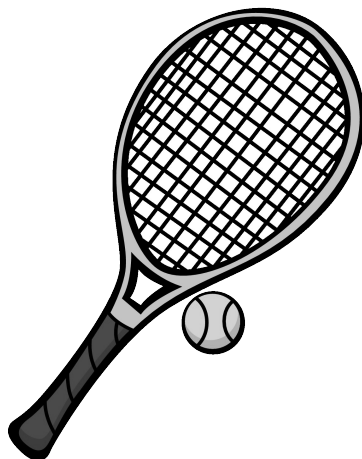
The efforts on the day were of massive proportions, and limited the damage by getting things away from the water faster than we could have hoped. Then, we could have dined for a week on the offers of dinners and suppers, quiches and puddings, and not just from our regular band of friends and neighbours. Ski boots and sleeping bags, duvets and fleeces went out to all parts of Glenfarg and Duncruevie to be returned dry and folded, and a lot more fragrant than before the flood.

Thanks to all who helped us on the day, particularly our neighbour on one side, and all those who helped us in the subsequent days. Don't believe the propaganda. This is not a bad place to live. Tim Corcoran

Glenfarg Tennis Club

Glenfarg Tennis Club
Easter Camp
Monday 10th April
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Glenfarg Tennis Club
Mixed Doubles, Supper and Ceilidh
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March 12th Wallace Park
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Glenfarg Community Cinema



It's been an interesting few months at the cinema. What could be more diverse than scientific breakthroughs in Cambridge, the coming together of a South Wales mining community with a gay & lesbian group from London, and a middle class English family adopting a talking bear from Peru!

The Theory of Everything was a hit with our audience. We may not have followed the mathematics, but we all appreciated the brilliant performance of Eddie Redmayne as Professor Steven Hawkin, as motor neurone disease took over his body but not his mind.

Awful	OK	Good	Very Good	Fantastic
0%	0%	0%	15%	85%

Paddington was enjoyed as much by the adults as the children. Next year, don't miss out - if you don't have a child to bring along, we can lend you one!

Pride had the audience laughing right from the start. Best performance ever from Bill Nye. And at the end of the night, everyone agreed that this true story had opened our eyes to the less-publicised events of 1983.

Awful	OK	Good	Very Good	Fantastic
0%	0%	3%	25%	72%

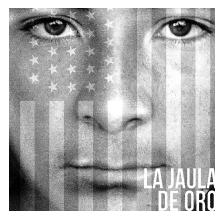
February 12th THE CONSTANT GARDENER

Ralph Feinnes plays a mild mannered and unambitious diplomat, stationed in North Kenya. His main interest is gardening, until his young activist wife is murdered. Then he sets out to discover the truth, involving big business and corporate corruption. Featuring wide African landscapes, it really needs to be seen on the big screen to be appreciated.



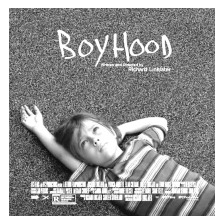
March 11th THE GOLDEN DREAM

A piercing and poetic road movie that follows the fortunes of four Guatemalan teenagers on a dangerous journey across the Mexican border into America. The Golden Dream has won critical praise the world over, garnering numerous awards.



April 8th BOYHOOD

Shot over 39 days spread out over twelve years, we follow Mason (Ellar Coltrane), his mom (Patricia Arquette), sister (Lorelei Linklater) and frequently absent dad (Ethan Hawke) as they negotiate everything life throws at them during that time, big and small. The fact that each year within the drama was shot that same year in real life pays dividends



GLENFARG NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2015

WINNERS AND ANSWERS

The winners of the Newsletter Christmas Quiz were drawn out of a hat by the Editor, Robin Watson, in front of witnesses on Saturday 9th January

First Prize : £50 M&S Gift Card : Elaine McLaughlin
Second Prize : £40 Asda Gift Card : John & Joyce Taylor
Third Prize : £30 Tesco Gift Card : Elspeth Buchan
Fourth Prize : £10 Boots Gift Card : Maureen Lambie

Fifth Prize : 2 tickets for Glenfarg Community Cinema : Yvonne Clarkson

Sixth Prize : 1 year subscription to the Glenfarg Newsletter : Lorne Findlay

..... also, it was decided to award a special prize to the youngest entrants:
Finlay (aged 6) and Max (aged 3) Rutherford who scored a commendable 28.
They received a £5 Gift Card to spend at The Works.

The answers were:

Entertainment, Music & Art:

1. Daniel Craig.
2. Coronation Street.
3. The answer I was looking for was Beethoven. (Some people gave the answer Friedrich Schiller who wrote the original poem upon which Beethoven based his composition. As the wording to the question was a little ambiguous and it was Christmas, I decided to be generous!)
4. The Lone Ranger or The Adventures of William Tell.
5. Aaron.

Scottish and Local:

1. Unicorn.
2. Wednesday.
3. The Vatican City. (Bonnie Prince Charlie died in 1788 and was initially buried in Frascati Cathedral which is on the outskirts of Rome. In 1807 he was reburied in the crypt of St Peter's Basilica in The Vatican. The Vatican is an independent sovereign state. However, because his heart was left in an urn in Frascati Cathedral, I gave half a point to those who answered "Rome". Generous eh?
4. Rosslyn.
5. Live, laugh, love.

Christmas:

1. Orange.
2. Cliff Richard.
3. White.
4. Charles Dickens.
5. Sleeping Beauty.

The World:

1. Zimbabwe.
2. Red and Mediterranean.
3. Brazilia.
4. Eerie, Superior, Huron,
Michigan, Ontario.
5. Alaska.

History / Recent Events:

1. Melbourne.
2. Corsica.
3. 1982.
4. Jeremy Corbyn.
5. Turkey.

Sport:

1. New Zealand.
2. Gold.
3. Everton.
4. Glasgow.
5. Tinsley Green.



Well done to all who entered. The lowest score was 27 and many scored the full 30 points. If I do a quiz next year I will have to make it harder or ban the use of Google! Also, a big thank you to the sponsors: Chrystal Petroleum who gave £100 and Oil Fast who gave £50.

Dave Arnold

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Nick Courtney

Hello Glenfarg, my name is Nick Courtney and I am the new general manager at the Famous Bein Inn. Originally from the East end of London, I now reside in Newton of Balcanquhal which, might I add, is one of the most peaceful places on earth.



Growing up in the east end of London was never an easy thing but my dad gave me the best upbringing anybody could ask for. It was just me and my dad taking on the world so to speak. He wanted the best for me so I was educated at St Nicholas' in Knightsbridge West London, which gave me the greatest opportunity in life to do whatever I wanted in the real world.

My dad Tony was a very business minded guy but when at home he had a massive passion for cooking, and as any youngster you always wanted to be like your dad. I studied business, hospitality management, accountancy & catering at university. Obtaining a first & my City and Guilds 706 1, 2 & 3 in Catering, it was my turn to make a name for myself.

I started as a prep chef in a Michelin 2 star seafood restaurant The Crab & Lobster, learning everything they never teach you at university or college. After a year, I was junior sous chef working under Phillip Worthington-Hart. It was here I met my wife and mother to my two gorgeous girls.

I decided I wanted to learn more about the front of house operation, so we joined Young's & Wells. After a year of blood, sweat and tears, we decided it was time for us to have our own business. Just outside York, in a little village called Wilberfoss, we had found the perfect restaurant/pub to make our own. Increasing rents eventually made the business unsustainable and we had to relinquish the lease. This broke my heart, but made me more determined to succeed. I joined a company called Mitchells of Lancaster as a general manager/head chef. It was from here that I started getting head hunted by some of the U.K's leading managed house companies to turn their sites around. It has been fun travelling all over the U.K doing this and I have now ended up in Scotland at The Famous Bein Inn. So I would like to meet all you Glenfarg folk soon. Why not come down to introduce yourselves and see what's new at the Bein Inn.



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The New Community Councillors

Henry Taylor



I have now lived in the village for six years with Karin my wife and our two children Alice and James. The children currently attend Arngask Primary School. I am an auditor for the British Society of Plant Breeders which takes me throughout the country but it is always lovely to get back to Glenfarg. I am delighted to be on the community council and look forward to representing the village. Feel free to air your views on the village. You'll see me out walking our dog, Bonnie!

Leslie Warder



Originally from Fife , I moved to Glenfarg in 2004 to bring up a family in the beautiful Perthshire Countryside.

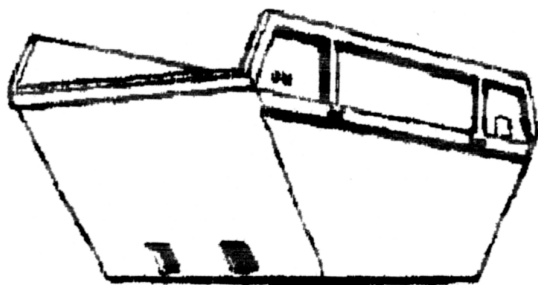
I have worked in Human Resources for over 20 years within Retail, Travel and Media and now am Director of my own Company specialising in HR Projects and Consulting - get in touch if you need me in a professional capacity!

Through my work I have skills I bring to our community to engage people in the community to work out solutions to problems or issues themselves wherever possible. The best ideas are always the ones which come from within the community and can be supported where required by the Community Council. My time on the Council will be used trying to engage everyone in positive changes and meeting anyone who wants to have a chat.

In my free time I love horse riding but am a bit of a fair weather rider and have been rediscovering exercise - Ouch



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GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday 11th January 2016

Glenfarg Village Hall

PRESENT: CCllrs Burlison, Horsman, Loudon, Mackenzie, Pilmer, Ponton, H. Taylor, J. Taylor, Warder, Watson

Also George Lawrie from TRACKS and 6 members of the public

APOLOGIES: CCllr Duncan, Cllr Robertson, Police Scotland

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were proposed by CCllr Ponton and seconded by CCllr J. Taylor

MATTERS ARISING:

Vehicle Activated Signs The installation now expected to take place in January

White Lines outside Church The reinstallation has been delayed due to flood work. This will be carried out at the earliest possible opportunity when the surface is dry.

Repairs to wall Duncrievie Road / Wallace Park The Community Payback Team are to be asked to inspect with a view to carrying out necessary repairs. *CCllr Watson*

Damage to Main Street Wall There is some disagreement between BEAR Scotland and Perth & Kinross Roads Dept about responsibility. CCllr Watson reported that BEAR Scotland have agreed to speak to Roads Dept to settle the matter.

Salt Spreader Salt has been purchased and is stored with the spreader in GDIB's shed in Hayfield Road.

Ladeside Junction A local business had expressed concerns that the road safety measures planned for this junction may affect the entry and egress of their large vehicles. CCllr Watson had contacted

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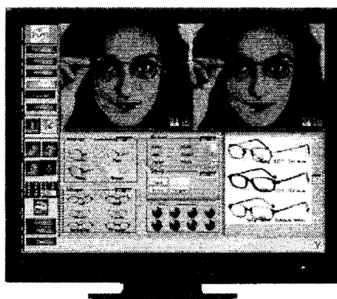
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the Road Safety Officer and could confirm that no plans will be put in place without prior consultation. The CC will be sent the plans. The Road Safety Officer felt that the new plans would actually make it easier for vehicles to navigate the corner.

Request for 20mph Speed Limit at Duncrievie CCllr Watson had approached the Road Safety Department, requesting that this area be added to a trial being carried out in rural areas. This was not possible, and it had been explained that the trial was investigating the effectiveness of such measures as other research had cast doubt on its effectiveness. The CC is to be informed of the outcome of the trial. A member of the public once again expressed concerns about the safety of Duncrievie residents who were forced to walk in the road and could suffer abuse from passing motorists.

Animals in Wallace Park 12 entries in the colouring competition had been received and 2 CCllrs decided the winner. The Community Payback Team to be advised of the colours chosen for the 4 animals.

CCllr Watson

POLICE REPORT

As no police officer was present, the report was read out by the CC Chairman. There had been reports of cold calling. 2 males were checked and warned accordingly. There had been 4 reports of theft – a red Honda quad bike, a scrap generator, a collection of power tools, one tonne of logs – all under enquiry. Following reports of a scrambler bike in Glenfarg, the bike was stopped and one male charged with offences.

PLANS FOR THE AVENUE

George Lawrie from TRACKS presented the Arngask School Travel Plan. This plan involves resurfacing and improving the drainage in The Avenue (the tree-lined avenue linking Greenbank Road near Hayfield Rd to the end of Greenbank Crescent) to make it a suitable walking / cycling route to school. He has consulted The



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Avenue's owner who has agreed to work being carried out on condition that tarmac not be used. The surface will therefore be the same as the Loch Leven Trail, as it is not damaging to tree roots. It was pointed out that horses also use the path, although not at the times when school pupils would be present. Mr Lawrie said that paths must be for all and no user could be excluded.

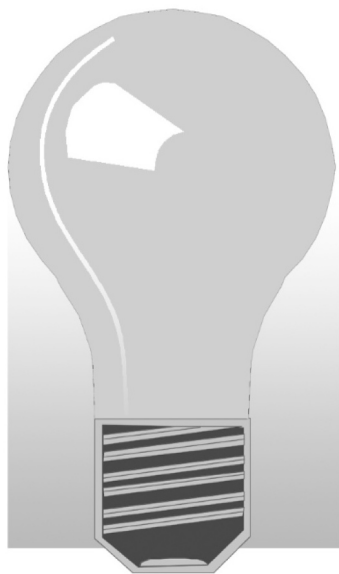
The Avenue will still require maintenance, which will not be carried out by the owner or P&KC. The Glenfarg Paths Group should be able to carry out such maintenance as strimming and gully cleaning. Paths For All should be able to offer training and funds for equipment. Dog bins will not be allowed on The Avenue but could be requested for either end of the route.

Secretary

The plan includes a link from the end of the Avenue into Greenbank Crescent – a sealed surface with solar lights. Mr Lawrie has also discussed the possibility of a 'restricted zone' in Greenbank Crescent. This would restrict cars entering the crescent at times when school children would be present – going to / from school and in the lunch hour. P&KC was in favour of a restricted zone for the whole crescent. After discussion, the CC agreed that too many residents would be badly affected by this and requested that the restricted zone be limited to the cul-de-sac off Greenbank Crescent leading to the school car park. School staff and residents with garages would still be able to gain access, but the cars of parents or those wishing to recycle would be banned at these times. A 'sleeping policeman' is planned for the entrance.

There was further discussion about pupils being encouraged to walk to school, and Mr Lawrie was of the opinion that parents may drop off children at the far end of The Avenue. This caused some concern about safety issues as the Greenbank Road / Hayfield Road junction is difficult to navigate already. Mr Lawrie to consult with the Road Safety Officer.

The school is very much in favour of all these plans, some of which will be put in place during the Easter holidays. Mr Lawrie requested that the CC ask P&KC to clear the first drain in Greenbank Road,



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which has not been coping with extra water recently, and the gully at the top of The Avenue which is causing water to flow through the garden of the nearest house.

Secretary

ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the constitution of Glenfarg Community Council, which was then signed by CCllrs Mackenzie, Loudon, Pilmer. Copy to be sent to Perth & Kinross Council.
CCllr Watson

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

Secretary: CCllr Warder, proposed CCllr Ponton, seconded CCllr Burlison.

Data Protection Officer: CCllr Warder

Emergency Plan Coordinator: CCllr H. Taylor, with support from CCllr Pilmer.

PLANNING:

The owner of The Glenfarg hotel had lodged an application with P&KC for change of use and planning application for 12 flats. The CC had hosted a public meeting to discuss the situation, at which The Glenfarg Hotel Action Group was formed from volunteers in the community. 162 Comments have been sent to the Planning Department, including an objection from the Community Council. We have been informed that, as there is a listed building in the immediate vicinity, a site visit is required. This will result in the consultation period being reopened for a further 3 weeks.

A report on any other planning applications in our area has been deferred to the next meeting of the CC.

GLENFARG HOTEL ACTION GROUP FUNDING REQUEST

A Micro Grant request had been received for funding of running costs for this group, which is exploring possibilities for a social hub as previously fulfilled by the hotel. It was agreed in principal to fund necessary costs up to an overall maximum of £250. The group is to

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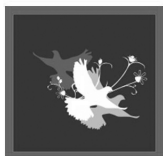
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CCllr Watson

TREASURER'S REPORT

GCC Balance on Account £279.65

GCC Newsletter Account £11,238.99

School Fund £541

WALLACE PARK STORAGE

The CC has considered taking over and upgrading the old changing rooms in Wallace Park as storage for fete equipment etc. CCllr Ponton reported that she had approached P&KC and found that there is an asbestos problem. Also A & J Stephen (Builders) had offered to demolish the building at their own expense as it requires access to the electricity supply. It was therefore agreed not to oppose this.

A member of the public suggested the use of a shipping container, which could be positioned on the concrete base in the park, or a site found elsewhere. A 20ft container is believed to cost between £1.6K and £2K. It will be necessary to determine the length of storage required for the marquee.
CCllr Ponton

A CCllr has contact with A & J Stephen, and offered to sound them out on how they could help the community with this enterprise.

CCllr Warder

CORRESPONDENCE:

A list of correspondence had been circulated to community councillors prior to the meeting.

AOCB:

Lights A member of the public reported that the sunken lights outside the Village Hall had not been coming on in the evening when

people were walking from the car park. He was advised to contact the Hall's Property Convenor.

CCllr Horsman asked if it was known what was happening with the vacant properties at the end of Greenbank Road. One property was becoming dilapidated and the measures to make it secure were falling apart. Since children pass it daily, it was felt that contact should be made with the owner to inform him of the situation.

Secretary

It was also suggested that our local councillors could advise on whom to contact at P&KC about empty properties.

Secretary

Newsletter CCllr Watson reported that the Communication Group had met to discuss the newsletter, and had agreed not to offer delivery of copies to subscribers in future. The number of subscribers has dwindled over the years, and it was noted that the residents who subscribed seemed to be people who also visited the shop regularly. A courtesy copy of the February edition will be delivered, with a covering note making it clear that anyone unable to travel to the shop could continue to have the newsletter delivered.

CCllr Horsman

Old Arngask Cemetery The group working on restoration of this site has been raising funds for stone preservation and now has a shortfall of £250-£300. They have asked if it would be appropriate to reapply to the Lochelbank Fund that turned down their original request. To be advised that funding of survey work was not appropriate but a request for funding to carry out preservation would be supported.

CCllr Watson

Flooding It was noted that several properties had experienced flooding / potential flooding recently and the community was commended on the way that it had supported those affected.

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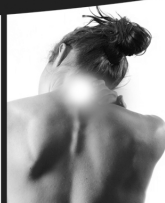
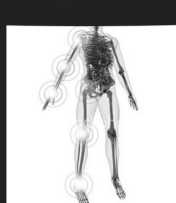
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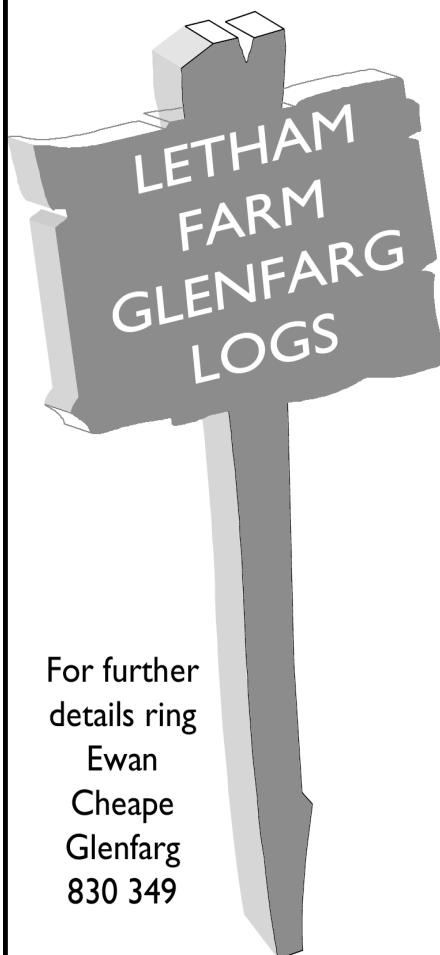
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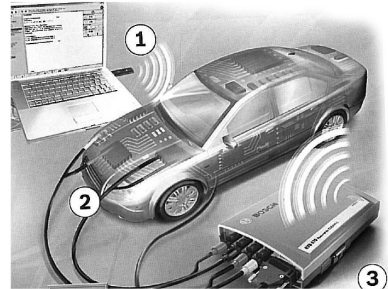
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